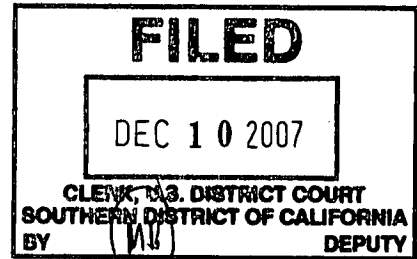


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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
12)
Plaintiff,)
13)
v.)
14)
IGNACIO VILLEGAS MIROLA,)
15)
Defendant.)
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Magistrate Case No. 07MJ8913

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON**

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

17 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES
18 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Carla J.
19 Bressler, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant IGNACIO VILLEGAS MIROLA, by and
20 through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Debra Torres-Reyes, that:

21 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing
22 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,
23 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead
24 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count
25 of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.
26 § 1324(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before **December 10, 2007**.

6 4. The material witness, Maria De Los Angeles Lopez, in this case:

7 a. Is an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

8 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
9 November 6, 2007;

10 c. Was found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the Calexico West, California
11 Port of Entry (POE) and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that he was
12 an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

13 d. Was paying \$4,000 to others to be brought into the United States illegally
14 and/or transported illegally to her destination therein; and,

15 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
16 Security for return to her country of origin.

17 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this
18 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any
19 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,
20 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

21 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
22 substantive evidence;

23 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
24 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony
25 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest
26 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

27 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),

28 Stipulation of Fact and Joint Motion for Release of
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1 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
 2 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
 3 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

4 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
 5 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
 6 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
 7 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

8 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
 9 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
 10 Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

11 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

12 Respectfully submitted,

13 KAREN P. HEWITT
 14 United States Attorney

15 Dated: 12-10-07

16 Carla J. Bressler
 17 CARLA J. BRESSLER
 18 Assistant United States Attorney

17 Dated: 11/24/07

18 Debra Torres-Reyes
 19 DEBRA TORRES-REYES
 20 Defense Counsel for Ignacio Villegas-Mirola

21 Dated: 11/24/07

22 Ignacio Villegas Mirola
 23 IGNACIO VILLEGAS MIROLA
 24 Defendant

25 Interpreted by - Frances Gauray
 26 11/24/07

ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 12/10/07


United States Magistrate Judge